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SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. I'm not going to repeat everything that's been already said, except for one thing. When Senator Jensen mentioned what the Governor has done is great, I agree. But the rest of what Senator Jensen said, Senator Thompson, now my friend Senator Hilgert, and those who have talked on this bill, it's necessary. It's very important. I've worked with juveniles in trouble now for 36 years. I contract with Douglas County to spend 12 hours, usually it ends up 16 to 20 hours a week, in the Douglas County Youth Center. We have intake officers there now. We've had a man who's dedicated his life in the probation department, by the name Gary Dietrich who's been there for many, many years, does intake. We need it across the state. People, I can tell you that we are locking up people in these detention centers that do not need to be locked up. We can save the money in that alone. That would probably be county money, but it...and not state money, but we could save far more than what this bill costs by passing it. I think we need to take the bull by the horns here and override this veto. It's important. Let's quit just talking about all the wonderful things that we want to do for juveniles, let's go ahead and do them. Senator Hilgert said so well the people that we have that work in this area, the judiciary and the probation people, they need this little bit of help. And every bit of help that we can get them. Please do vote for this override. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Aguilar, followed by Senators Bromm, Beutler, Thompson, Cunningham, Brown and Smith.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. I also rise in support of the override motion. And I want to thank Senator Thompson for bringing this bill forward. You've already heard from the...our body's experts in Senator Pedersen and Senator Thompson. They work with this issue on a day-to-day basis. Without repeating a lot that's been said, I do want to make a couple of points. I'll tell you about a few things this bill does not do. It will not increase the number of kids that need to be locked up. It will not put more violent youth back on the streets. It will take a more appropriate